Supply of cooking gas through pipeline in cities of Gujarat

30. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cities like Ahmedabad, Bharuch, Ankaleshwar, and Surat are to be supplied cooking gas throught pipeline taps;

(b) if so, by when gas would be supplied to Ahmedabad city through pipeline-taps; and

(c) what is the quantity of gas allotted to the Gujarat Gas Company Limited?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Natural gas has been allocated for domestic supply in Bharuch, Ankleshwar and Surat. However, no gas has been allocated for domestic supply in Ahmedabad.

(c) The quantity of gas allotted to Gujarat Gas Company Ltd. is 0.47 million cubic meters per day.

Hotels in Tamil Nadu

31. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hotels opened by the Central Government in Tamil Nadu during the years 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(b) whether Government propose to open more hotels in Tamil Nadu during the current year; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof, area-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No new hotel has been opened in Tamil Nadu during 1987-88 and 1988-89.

(b) There is no proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

Upgradation of Ahmedabad Airport

32. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long awaited demand for the conversion of Ahmedabad Airport as an International Airport;

(b) what are the reasons for providing only one Air India flight per week at this airport;

(c) whether any proposal to allow other international airlines to function at Ahmedabad airport is also under active consideration of Government;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Gujarat has offered to hand over construction of international airport at Ahmedabad to the International Airport Authority of India; and

(e) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Suggestions have been received for the conversion of Ahmedabad Airport as an International airport.

(b) Owing to the capacity constraints, Air India is presently not in position to increase the frequency of the services.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Merger of Hotels of HCI with ITDC

33. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any proposal under Government's consideration for the merger of hotels belonging to